

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following replacement paragraph:

"[0023] The object of the invention is met, in accordance with the invention, by a method for generating a predetermined breaking line in a one-layer planar extending article, having a working side and a decorative side comprising a material with an inhomogeneous material density distribution. ~~[[He]]~~The method comprises the steps of directing a laser beam bundle to the working side for removing material in its beam path and thereby generating holes that are invisible from the decorative side. The laser beam bundle and the planar extending article carrying out a relative movement with respect to one another so that the holes are generated in a row along the desired predetermined breaking line. The laser beam is switched off for a period of time determining the subsequent hole spacing when an amount of radiation generating a detector signal that is greater than a predetermined threshold signal impinges on a detector arranged on the decorative side. The output of the laser beam is gradually increased from zero to its maximum nominal value before starting to produce each hole. The laser beam is switched off immediately when a detector signal that is greater than the predetermined threshold is generated before reaching the maximum nominal value, which is caused by the absence of material or by a small amount of material of the planar extending article in the beam path (pseudo-hole) and prevents removal of the small amount of material and prevents overloading of the detector."

No new material was added by the above amendments.